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LETTER DATED 19 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At approximately 1430 this afternoon, we received the attached letter dated 19 June 1993 from the Tuzla region.

The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina does not endorse this action and will make every attempt to calm the situation.

We urge the international community to undertake steps in this critical moment so that we may restore confidence and security with respect to a frightened and beleaguered people.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Permanent Representative

Annex

Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Armed Forces of the Republic of Bosnia
and Herzegovina
Command of 2nd Corps
Top secret number: 01/729
Date: 19 June 1993

To: Security Council of the United Nations
through the Permanent Bosnian Mission
to the United Nations

Messrs Milosevic, Karadzic and Mladic

According to the estimate of global political elements of the United Nations relating to the situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the estimate on the battlefields, and, first of all, on the Gorazde front, where the signed cease-fire is not respected and the brutal offensive is continuing, we feel the necessity of emphatically expressing our attitude and claims:

1. Long ago, we conceived the United Nations policy's unfitness to solve the people's problem in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. But, we cannot conceive the hypocrisy and insensibility to people's sufferings, killings and genocide, as are happening to all of us in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and especially in Gorazde and along the river Drina, territories which you have proclaimed as "Safe Areas".

2. We cannot conceive that such powerful intelligence services and teams give so inadequate estimates of the conflicting forces, respectively, and of what will have to be done for the purpose of pacifying the situation. We do not want to give lessons, but we repeat again that the Chetniks' forces, with Karadzic as their leader, respect only military force and military defeat. For that purpose, we ask for lifting the embargo, that way we shall help ourselves, our people, but also the international community.

3. Because you have taken away our right to defence and help, but you have not taken away our right to self-defence, the Command of the 2nd Corps is compelled to send the last warning to the Security Council of the United Nations, and to Messrs Milosevic, Karadzic and Mladic that we shall use all disposable rights and means for the purpose of stopping the war in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and, first of all, stopping the offensive on Gorazde and its surroundings.

By that, we mean:

(a) On Sunday, 20 June 1993, until 8 a.m. Central European time, the Chetniks' offensive on Gorazde and its surroundings has to stop;

(b) Until the same time, significant United Nations forces and the convoys with food have to go in Gorazde and protect the citizens and expelled persons from the biggest prepared crime in the history of humanity;

(c) After that time, the Command of the 2nd Corps will take into consideration the resources and decide about using cisterns with chlorine as one of the tactics directed at the enemy's soldiers and citizens.

4. By the decision of the people of Tuzla province (Gorazde is a component of that province), the decision of the Assembly of the same province, and by the approval of the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we shall use our last means for finishing this war and abbreviate our and your agonies.

We warn that we have worked out plans and prepared containers and sufficient amounts of chlorine, as well as other chemical things to neutralize the living forces on the territories of almost all of Europe.

At the end, we request you, Sirs, once again, to stop the war by force or to enable us to use self-defence by lifting the embargo.

On the contrary, we shall use what we have.

Sirs, you may choose!

With all respect,

(Signed) Izet HADZIC
President of Tuzla region

(Signed) Hazim SADIC
Commander of 2nd Corps